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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: to be assigned
CIPRIANI, Franco et al.) Examining Attorney: to be assigned
Serial No.: 09/871,353)
Filed: May 30, 2001)
For: Functionalized Thiophene Oligomers)
and Their Use As Fluorescent)
Markers (as amended)) Pasadena, California

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: BOX MISSING PARTS

In the above-identified United States patent application, please amend the
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IN THE TITLE:

Replace the current title:

"Florescent Markers Comprising Functionalized Thiophene Oligomers"

with:

--Functionalized Thiophene Oligomers and Their Use As Fluorescent Markers--.

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is hereby requested.

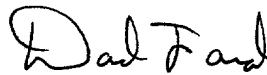
No fee is believed due in connection with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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